NaxaiUe Activities

3143. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing activities of Naxalites in the three States of Madhya Pra desh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) whether Governments are also aware that the Naxalites have decided to announce a separate State on 15th August, 1992; and

(c) if so, the action Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have no information in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.

Display of Hindi Number Plates

3144. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Traffic Police in Delhi have prosecuted in the recent past a number of vehicle owners displaying number plates written in Devnagri script;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefore; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FAHILIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTEH OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) As per Rule 3.7(2) o'f the Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules, 1940, the provisions of which are applicable in Delhi "the registration mark shall be in English letters and numerals". Display of Number Platesjregistration marks in alphabets] numerals in any other language constitutes a violation law. Delhi Police prosecuted 79422 vehicles for defective name plates from January, 1991 to December, 1991 and 9346 from 1-1-1992 to 29.2.1992. No separate record of vehicles prosecuted for having number plates in Devnagri script is maintained.

Modernisation of Tamil Nadu Police

3145. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will. the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1054 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1992 and state by when the balance of Rs. 70.45 crores is likely to be sanctioned and released as a special case for modernisation of the Tamil Nadu police force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): A sum of Rs. 10 crores was released in 1991 to the Government of Tamil Nadu as special grant for the modernisation of their police forces. In addition, under the Central Government's Non-Plan Ccheme of modernisation of State Police Forces, a sum of Rs. 131.17 lakhs has been released to the State Government in 1991-92.

Bifurcation of U.P.

3146. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWA-MY: WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to

bifurcate Uttar Pradesh into three separate States for its proper development; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have 'forwarded a copy of the Resolution passed by the Uttar Pradesh State legislative Assembly on 12.8.1991 urging the Central Government to create a separate State of "Uttaranchal". The proposed new State will comprise the eight hill districts of Kumaon-Garhwal Divisions of Uttar Pradesh, viz., Nainital, Almora, Pithoragarh, Pauri Garhwal, Chamoli, Tehri Garh-wal, Uttarkashi and Dehradun.

Demands of ULFA

3147. SHRI BHARDESWAR BURA-GOHAIN: WiU the Minister of HOMEE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the developments that have so far taken place between the Government and the ULFA;

(b) what are the demands of the ULFA; and

(c) by when, the army is likely to be withdrawn from Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS' AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Some leaders of ULFA had given assurance to accept, and seek solution to their problems within, the Constitution of India. To facilitate the process of negotiations some ULFA activists were released and the Government agreed to suspend the Army operation. The ULFA is holding consultation within the organisation to finalise its stand on various matters relating to negotiations.

(c) The question of withdrawal of army from Assam will arise after return of lasting peace and order in the State and when it is felt that Army is no longer required in aid of civil authority.

Committee for monitoring 15 point programme

3148. MAULANA OBA1DULLAH KHAN AZMI: WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any commit-[tee in his Ministry for monitoring implementation of the 15 Point Pro gramme for the welfare of the Mino rities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the number of persons who have been provided with Emp loyment during the past three years under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No such committee has been set up in the Ministry *of* Home Affairs.

(b) Does not arise.

Encroachment on roads

3149. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to decongest Capital's important roads, Delhi Police have drawn up a progarmme to have 40 roads cleared from unauthorised encroachments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the localities to be covered under the programme